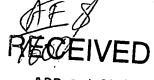
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Sir:

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Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for Response for a third-month from March 19, 2002 to April 19, 2002. A previously submitted Petition for Extension of Time extended the period for response from January 19, 2002 to March 19, 2002.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$840.00 (\$520.00 + \$320.00) to cover the cost of the extension and the Notice of Appeal. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. This paper is filed in triplicate.

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